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SUBJ: SOVIET-ROMANIAN AGREEMENT ON CONSTRUCTION OF ATOMIC
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1. TASS VESTNIK JAN 2 REPORTS SIGNATURE (NO DATE GIVEN) OF
SOVIET-ROMANIAN AGREEMENT ON ATOMIC ENERGY COOPERATION WHICH
WILL INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION IN ROMANIA OF ATOMIC ELECTRIC POWER
STATION. STATION WILL BE BUILT WITH SOVIET ASSISTANCE AND
TOTAL CAPACITY WILL BY 440,000 KILOWATTS. SOVIET AND ROMANIAN
SPECIALISTS NOW ENGAGED IN JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF NECESSARY
DOCUMENTATION.

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2. VESTNIK DESCRIBES PROJECT WITH ROMANIAN MERELY AS FURTHER

EVIDENCE OF INCREASINGLY CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN USSR AND CEMA COUNTRIES IN AREA OF ATOMIC ENERGY. ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTION OF NORD STATION IN GDR, COMPLETION OF FIRST SECTOR OF KOZLODUY STATION IN BULGARIA AND COMPLETION OF FIRST ATOMIC ELECTRIC POWER STATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, WITH TWO MORE SCHEDULED TO BE BUILT. AGREEMENTS ON SOVIET AID IN CONSTRUCTION OF ATOMIC ELECTRIC POWER STATIONS IN POLAND AND HUNGARY ALSO NOW IN FORCE.

3. COMMENT: WE EVALUATE ANNOUNCEMENT OF SOVIET ASSISTANCE TO ROMANIA IN IMPORTANT AREA OF ATOMIC ELECTRIC POWER AS AN ADDITIONAL SMALL STEP FORWARD IN ROMANIA'S CONTINUED AND AT TIMES HESITANT ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP WITH THE USSR AND WITH CEMA. IF FOLLOWS RECENT REPORTS HERE THAT ROMANIA MAY AGREE TO SIGN THE CEMA CONVENTION ON TECHNICAL STANDARDIZATION AND OF NEW CEMA INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT BANK CREDITS FOR ROMANIA. FORWARD MOVEMENT IN THE ECONOMIC AREA SHOULD, OF COURSE, BUT KEPT IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE AND VIEWED AGAINST THE BROADER BACKGROUND OF ROMANIAN-SOVIET POLITICAL RELATIONS WHICH WAS RECENTLY SPELLED OUT DURING THE MOSCOW VISIT OF ROMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU (REFTELS).
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